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REQUEST FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated July 7, 2009, Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time, the fee for which is submitted herewith, Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and entry of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.